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AMENDMENT, RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 31, 2005 (the "Office Action") in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims and begin on page 2 of this paper;
- Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper; and
- A Conclusion begins on page 10 of this paper.

Applicants also submit a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and a check to cover the RCE fee. The Applicants believe no additional fees are due with the present Amendment and Response. However, if any extension period or fee is required to have this Amendment and Response entered or considered, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension and authorization to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.